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HOUSE BILL 1386

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code

Annotated, Sections 68-3-302 and 68-3-305 relative
to the registration of birth certificates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-302(a) is amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

When a birth occurs in an institution or en route thereto, the person in charge of the institution or such person's designated representative shall obtain the data required by the certificate, prepare the certificate, certify that the child was born alive at the place and time and on the date stated either by signature or by an approved electronic process, and file the certificate with the office of vital records or as otherwise directed by the state registrar within the required ten(10) days.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-302(b) is amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

The physician in attendance shall provide the medical information required by the certificate to the institution's designated representative within seventy-two (72) hours after the birth.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-302(c) is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by renumbering the subsequent subsections appropriately.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-305(a) is amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

If the mother was married at the time of either conception or birth, or anytime between conception and birth, to the natural father of the child, the name of the father and the father's information shall be entered on the certificate. The surname given to the child and shown on the birth certificate shall be the surname chosen by the parent or parents. There shall be no requirements for a surname to reflect anything but the discretion of the parent or parents.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-305(b) is amended by deleting the existing language in paragraph 305(b)(1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

If the mother was not married at the time of either conception or birth or between conception and birth, all information pertaining to the father shall be omitted, unless as otherwise provided in this part.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-305(d) is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by renumbering the subsequent subsection appropriately.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.